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November 20, 2001

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DECLARATION OF ORLANDO CATALA

I, Orlando Catala declare that:

1. I am employed by Archer Management Services as a customer service representative.

2. On November 16, 2001, I was so employed and stationed at the offices of Darby & Darby P.C., 805 Third Avenue, New York, New York, 10022.

3. On that date, I accepted 16 express mail packages from the docketing department at Darby & Darby. In accordance with my instructions, I confirmed that the express mail label number for each of the packages appeared on an Express Mail Confirmation form and that the docket clerk providing the package was identified next to the label number. Upon delivering the express mail packages to the local post office, I filled in the location of the post office, the date and time of delivery, and signed the Messenger Certification on the back of the form. A true copy of that Express Mail confirmation form is attached as Exhibit A.

4. This evening, however, the clerk at the express mail window refused to accept thirteen of the packages. I therefore brought the thirteen packages back to the offices of Darby & Darby.

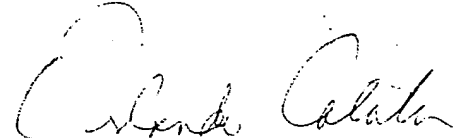
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I further, declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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- ① Express Mail Label No. EL 767719929 US ^{PAT.} From: DP
2. Express Mail Label No. EL 767719932 US ^{PCT} From: DP
3. Express Mail Label No. EL 767719946 US ^{Resp} From: DP
4. Express Mail Label No. EL 767720374 - US ^{IDS} From: DP
5. Express Mail Label No. EL 706716433 - US ^{Resp} From: DP ^{TM.}
6. Express Mail Label No. EL 767720391 US ^{Resp} From: AD
7. Express Mail Label No. EL 767720388 - US ^{IDS} From: BWL
8. Express Mail Label No. EL 767720414 US ^{IF} From: AD
9. Express Mail Label No. EL 767719552 - US From: DP
10. Express Mail Label No. EL 706716416 - US From: DP TM
11. Express Mail Label No. EL 706716420 - US From: DP TM
12. Express Mail Label No. EL 767720405 - US ^{Sup} From: BWL
13. Express Mail Label No. EL 767719950 US ^{PAT} From: DP
14. Express Mail Label No. EL 767720428 - US ^{complan.} From: BWL
15. Express Mail Label No. EL 767719773 US From: DP
16. Express Mail Label No. EL 767720431 - US ^{IF} From: BWL
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Messenger: Before completing and signing this form, please be certain that each of the Express Mail Labels is clearly marked by the postal clerk with a "date in" and then attach them to this page.

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Messenger Certification

This certifies that I have hand delivered sealed Express Mail envelopes with the label numbers shown above to the post office identified below and on the date shown. I received each envelope in sealed form from the person identified above.

In the event that it becomes necessary to prove a date of delivery of any of the above envelopes to the United States Patent And Trademark Office (USPTO), I authorize any attorney at Darby & Darby to file any necessary papers in my name or on my behalf. In the event that it becomes necessary to prove the contents of any of the above envelopes, I authorize the person who gave me the envelope to do so in my name or on my behalf.

It may become necessary to submit this paper to the USPTO. Any person signing a paper so submitted is presumed to vouch for the truth of all statements appearing in the paper. If you know any statement above to be untrue, signing this paper may therefore subject you to penalties for committing perjury under the laws of the United States of America.

POST OFFICE LOCATION :

53 rd 3rd Ave

Messenger:

J. Catala

(Name, print)

J. Catala

(Signature)

Date:

11/16/01
9:00

Time:

9:00

PATRICK R. DONAHOE
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
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November 16, 2001

VICE PRESIDENTS, AREA OPERATIONS
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SUBJECT: Temporary Suspension of Express Mail Service to
Washington, D.C. ZIP Codes 202 through 205

Due to current operating conditions and government security measures, Express Mail products destined for federal government agencies in Washington, D.C. (ZIP Codes 202 through 205), are experiencing significant delays. Therefore, effective immediately Express Mail service to Washington, D.C., ZIP Codes 202 through 205, is temporarily suspended. The sales of this services is to be discontinued at all retail locations, including Contract Postal Units (CPUs). Customers should be advised either to use First-Class Mail for mail destined for these ZIP Codes or wait to send items until this temporary suspension is lifted.

Business customers will be advised of this suspension through the Business Service Network. You will be advised when this suspension is lifted. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Henry Pankey at (202) 268-5394.

A handwritten signature of Patrick R. Donahoe.

Patrick R. Donahoe

cc: Ms. Bizzotto